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### Standards for Preservatives in Health Foods

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**Report Highlights:** On April 1, 2008, the Standardization Administration of China (SAC) notified the World Trade Organization of a new standard regarding certain preservatives in health foods. This standard was notified by the WTO as G/SPS/N/CHN/105. The comment period on this notification is open until June 1, 2008. This report contains an UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION that should be used as reference only.

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**Executive Summary:** On April 1, 2008, the Standardization Administration of China (SAC) notified the World Trade Organization of a standard that specifies the maximum use levels of benzoic acid (and sodium benzoate), sorbic acid (and potassium sorbate), methyl-p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl-p-hydroxybenzoate in health foods. This standard was notified by the WTO as G/SPS/N/CHN/105 and the final date for comment is June 1. The proposed date of adoption is July 1 and date of entry into force is December 1, 2008.

At this point, the trade implications of this standard are unclear. Interested parties are recommended to submit comments to the Chinese SPS Enquiry Point.

## Begin Translation

### National Standard of the People's Republic of China

### Hygienic Standard for Preservatives in Health Foods

(Draft for Approval)

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Issued by

Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China

General Administration of Quality supervision, Inspection and  
Quarantine of the People's Republic of China

## Foreword

**All technical aspects of this standard are mandatory.**

This standard was proposed by and is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China.

This standard was drafted by the Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety, Chinese Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Beijing Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Shanghai Municipal Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Guangdong Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Hunan Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Hebei Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Jilin Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Fujian Center for Disease Prevention and Control and Jiangsu Center for Disease Prevention and Control.

The main drafters of this standard are Yang Dajin, Wang Zhutian, Song Shufeng, Luo Rencai, Xiong Libei, Liang Chunsui, Pan Zhenqiu, Lin Shengqing and Li Qing.

This standard is issued for the first time.

## Hygienic Standard for Preservatives in Health Foods

### 1 Scope

This standard specifies the limit of benzoic acid (sodium benzoate), sorbic acid (potassium sorbate) and methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate used in health foods.

This standard is applicable to benzoic acid (sodium benzoate), sorbic acid (potassium sorbate), methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate allowed for health foods.

### 2 Limit standard

Table 1 shows the limit standards of benzoic acid (sodium benzoate), sorbic acid (potassium sorbate), methyl p-hydroxybenzoate and propyl p-hydroxybenzoate used in health foods.

**Table 1**

Preservative name	Dosage form of health food	Limit standard (g/kg)
Benzoic acid (sodium benzoate) <sup>a</sup>	Oral liquid	=0.6
	Drink	=0.2
Sorbic acid (potassium sorbate) <sup>b</sup>	Oral liquid	=0.8
	Drink	=0.2
Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	Oral liquid	=0.3
	Drink	=0.2
Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate	Oral liquid	=0.3
	Drink	=0.2
Notes: <sup>a</sup> The limit standard of benzoic acid (sodium benzoate) is determined on benzoic acid. <sup>b</sup> The limit standard of sorbic acid (potassium sorbate) is determined on sorbic acid.		